

LETTER WRITING COMPETITION

on

on

International Moon Day

Organized by the Physical Science Association

'SCIENTIA'

of

BNV College Teacher Education Thiruvallam

Introduction

The Physical Science Association "Scientia"

As a part of the Bachelor of Education (B. Ed.) Curriculum of the University of Kerala, 2019 the Department of Physical Science of the BNV College of Teacher Education have established the Physical Science Association **"Scientia 2024~26"** for the student teachers of the batch 2024 ~ 2026. "Scientia" was established with the aim of motivating student teachers to inculcate interest in the physical sciences among their future students and fostering a deeper understanding of the universe through scientific inquiry and exploration. "Scientia," derived from the Latin word for "knowledge," reflects the association's commitment to nurturing curiosity and encouraging scientific endeavours among student teachers.

"Scientia" organizes a range of activities, including science exhibitions, workshops, and competitions, providing students with opportunities to expand their knowledge and apply scientific principles creatively. By hosting events like the Letter Writing Competition on International Moon Day, the association seeks to blend creativity with science, making learning an engaging and holistic experience.

International Moon Day

International Moon Day is celebrated every year on **July 20th**, marking the anniversary of humanity's first landing on the Moon during the Apollo 11 mission in 1969. Proclaimed by the United Nations in 2021, this day is a tribute to the remarkable achievements in lunar exploration and a reminder of humanity's collective aspiration to explore beyond Earth.

The Moon has always been a source of wonder and inspiration, influencing science, literature, and culture. Observing Moon Day provides an opportunity to reflect on past accomplishments, foster awareness of ongoing lunar missions, and inspire future generations to explore the universe. Events such as educational programs, scientific discussions, and creative competitions are organized globally to honour this day.

In observance of this significant occasion, the Scientia 2024-26 organized an Intracollegiate Letter Writing Competition on 25 July 2024 in the college. Celebrating moon day is vital for student teachers as it bridges theoretical knowledge with real world applications inspiring curiosity and innovation. The event was designed to spark creativity and scientific curiosity among students while honouring the profound mysteries and discoveries associated with the Moon. Moreover, it prepares them to inspire the next generation with a forward-thinking mindset encouraging students to dream big and pursue scientific endeavours that can shape humanity's future.

Theme of the Competition

The competition centred around the theme **"A Letter to the Moon"**, inviting participants to express their thoughts, dreams, and ideas related to the Moon. The participants had to put down a letter to express their thoughts and aspirations addressed to the Moon.

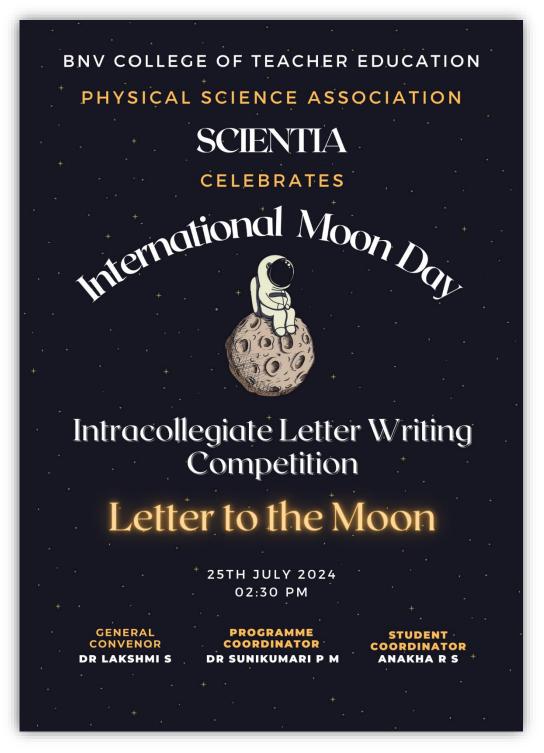


Fig. 1 - Poster of Intracollegiate Letter Writing Competition

Participants

The competition was conducted on 25th July at 02:30 pm, and drew the enthusiastic participation of student teachers from the first year and second year of various Departments such English, Malayalam, Commerce, Social Science and Mathematics, showcasing their imaginative and scientific perspectives. A total of 17 students participated. Letters ranged from poetic tributes to the Moon's beauty to the futuristic visions of Lunar explorations expressed in both English and Malayalam.



Fig. 2 - Students participating in Intracollegiate Letter Writing Competition

Winners

A panel of judges evaluated the letter is based on creativity, scientific relevance and emotional depth. The students who attained 1st, 2nd and 3rd positions in both Malayalam and English languages were announced. The winners of the competition were as follows:

Position	Winners	
	English Category	Malayalam Category
First	Anjitha S A	Dhanya S A
	2nd year Social Science	1 st year Malayalam
Second	Sajin Babu	Gopika A V
	1 st year Commerce	1 st year Social Science
Third	Gayathri R M	Diya K
	1 st year English	1 st year Social Science



Prize Distribution

The celebration successfully kindled enthusiasm for space exploration and brought a creative twist to understanding lunar science. The prize distribution was conducted on 7th January 2025 by the Principal, Dr. Lakshmi S, of BNV College of teacher Education during the college assembly.

